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SUBJECT: LUZON STEVEDORING SALE

- 1. FINAL SALE OF LUZON STEVEDORING CORPORATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED APRIL 7, WITH PNOC CHAIRMAN VELASCO REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT BUYERS.
- 2. UNDER THE DEAL WORKED OUT AFTER MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF BARGAINING, 3,005,790 SHARES OF THE FIRM, REPRESENTING 99.8 PERCENT OF THE STOCK WERE ACQUIRED BY PNOC (69.8 PERCENT) AND BY THE LAND BANK (30 PERCENT) WITH THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK FOOTING THE BILL.
- 3. THE TRANSACTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT 87.43/SHARE FOR A TOTAL COST OF 262.8 MILLION (\$37.5 MILLION). THE SHARE PRICE REFLECTED COSTS OF SHARES PLUS INTEREST ON LOANS USED TO ACQUIRE THEM. THIS RATE OF SHARE PAYMENT ALSO EXTENDED TO SHARES ACQUIRED IN A SIZABLE STOCK DIVIDENT (ABOUT 500,000 SHARES) ISSUED LAST YEAR. PRICE WAS NET OF ANY REVALUATIONS DUE TO RISING REPLACEMENT COSTS FOLLOWING THE ENERGY CRISIS. PAYMENT WAS MADE IN CASH. FORMER OWNERS ARGUE THAT PRICE EVEN IN CASH, DOES NOT COMPENSATE FOR CURRENT REAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSET. GOVERNMENT TECHNOCRATS WHO REVIEWED DEAL (PATERNO AND VIRATA) STATE PRICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS A FAIR APPRAISAL OF COST MAINTENANCE AND REPLOWING

OF PROFITS, EVEN IF LOW AS AN APPRAISAL OF NEWLY APPRECIATED
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